

opinion/editorial

Readers puzzled by a DN decision

The Daily Nebraskan Friday received an avalanche of calls demanding an immediate explanation for our negligence. The intensity of their outrage surpassed that any Daily Nebraskan staff member has seen this semester.

The editor, out of the office most of that day, later found numerous notes from the harried staff who took the calls. The ombudsman Monday demanded that the editor explain herself.

We left out the crossword puzzle.

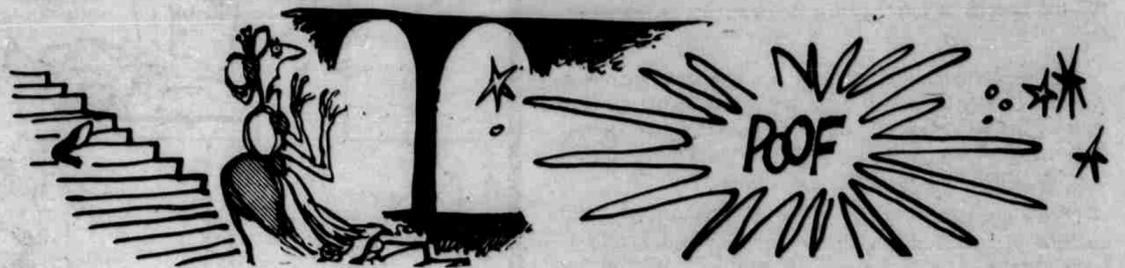
And we left it out on purpose. The size of the Daily Nebraskan on any one day is determined by the amount of advertising space sold for it. The paper sized in multiples of four pages. Papers are 12, 16, 20 or 24 pages. On Friday we had enough advertising for a 12-page paper, and not enough for a 16-page paper. Almost enough, but not quite.

But because it was almost, but not quite a 16-page day the advertising which did run took up most of the paper. If we had printed the crossword, we would have been forced to leave out a news story. It was our decision that providing space for a news story on that particular day was more important than running the crossword puzzle.

We would like to think that our readers will understand the reasoning behind such a move and we hope also that they agree with it. However, a note that came in the mail as this was being written makes us wonder.

It says, "Dear Daily Nebraskan: If you ever again leave the crossword puzzle out of your greaseball publication, I will rip your eyelids off. Signed, A Friend."

Have a good Thanksgiving.



Cross-discipline terms depict university money cuts

Somewhere between the library budget shortfall and the computer time cut at CBA, an observer could get the idea that the university is having a few money troubles. Which is probably true, but it's being viewed in terms that are too negative.

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Watching who gets the plums and who gets it up the wazoo can be a great cross-discipline learning experience, and despite what you hear from the regents and the administration, this is an institution dedicated to learning.

Economics is the obvious first step. If one whole department is eliminated, will the private sector step in to fill the vacuum created by the public sector, as the free-market advocates say? Consider getting a degree from Bert's School of Anthropology and Grille.

When will skimping on paper reach a point of diminishing return? What will happen when the student's demand for heads exceeds the supply already rolling?

Apply sociology to the athletic department. What does the relative level of an assistant coach's salary compared to an assistant professor's tell us about the priorities of this society? Does athletics constitute a hereditary overgroup, and if so, what means do they use to stay in power?

The English department will have to rise to the occasion. They're going to have to invest some pretty descriptive language for professors who must describe how to run computers, broadcasting equipment and scientific experiments without equipment to practice on.

This could be a field day for psychology. Does the Legislature's idea that no state money should be used to

pay for utilities show that they're arrested in and anal-retentive stage? Were the regents repeating a collective childhood trauma when they bought a cooling unit over the Legislature's objection and then asked them to pay for it?

How did the administration condition the regents to jump whenever they said, "Frog?" Is Chancellor Roy Young in a depression because he can't bring in the millions of federal grant dollars everyone said he would bring when he came here?

Historically, this is a moment that will have to be recorded for posterity. We are witness to the awful spectre of the entire state of Nebraska thumbing their collective noses at higher education, which will leave the great

historical question, "How did a state full of supposedly rational people expect to get a free lunch?"

Which is what the issue is. Nebraskans don't want to spend money on government, being in love with "lids" and other strange devices that hobble services and cripple improvement at all levels. And when things fall apart, the people, through their elected representatives, tell us, "You're on your own, fella."

And in the end, the young people of this state are going to have one of the best educational experiences—travel. Anyone with any hopes of getting an education isn't going to go to a mediocre institution, no matter how good its football team. They're going to leave Nebraska.

And, most likely, they aren't going to come back.

letters

Since the take over of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran by the Iranian students, the mass media has tried to exploit the Americans' feelings toward Iranians. The United States government, speaking as your representative, has welcomed the shah in the U.S., claiming it is a humanitarian act. However, the voice of 35 million Iranians who are shouting "Justice" for the lives of their sons and daughters, their brothers and sisters who were murdered by the shah, have been ignored by the U.S. government. It must never be ignored by the American people. These Iranians ask that the murderer of their children face an International Justice court.

Americans, will you allow the one responsible for all

the economical and social problems in Iran, the murderer of 76,000 people just last year, stay in the U.S., and ignore the will of 35 million Iranians? Will you allow Iranians to suffer from poverty? Will you allow your country to be a home of dictators, fascists, and murderers?

The U.S. government's policies toward the oppressed people of the world, have caused the hatred of these people toward your country. But you have showed to the world that you are freedom lovers by your protests against the Vietnam War. If you help the Iranian people today, it will be a step toward human freedom and good relations between the world's nations.

Today, the American media is showing the wrong side of Iran's revolution. It was, and still is, supported by an overwhelming number of Iranians. Other reporters around the world have witnessed it as such. Your media is showing the wrong image of our leader, Emam Khomeine. His good will toward humanity, truthfulness, and good intentions for mankind have been reported by other western reporters, but not here in the United States.

The American media calls the Iranian students holding the American embassy a group of terrorists. There are reports from other westerners though, who visited the hostages, that they are not in a terrified state, rather, they are unharmed and well taken care of. In spite of what they did, from conspiracy to espionage, the hostages are well treated because we do not believe in hurting them, because of Islamic rules. If these students are terrorists, so all the freedom loving nations of the world are terrorists then, and the shah and his surrounds are human lovers!

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